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## EASTERN QUEENS SENDS SOS TO THE WHITE HOUSE



Arlene Schlesinger, a dedicated community advocate and Republican County Committee member, has authored the following letter to President Trump. Written on behalf of the Queens Village Republican Club, this letter highlights the critical issues and challenges facing Eastern Queens, NY. It was sent to the White House to bring these concerns to the President's attention.

Honorable President Trump,

We write to you on behalf of the Queens Village Republican Club, the oldest Republican club in America, proudly serving our community for 150 years. We stood by you, prayed for you, fought for your victory, and continue to support your triumphant return to the White House to Make America Great Again.

Today, we reach out in desperation. Eastern Queens—your hometown—is under siege. Radical leftist policies are destroying our communities, and we have been abandoned by those in power. We have rallied, protested, and pleaded with our local, city and state elected officials, yet they refuse to listen. Now, we turn to you.

Since August 2023, we have been fighting against the migrant tent encampment at the Creedmoor Psychiatric Center, just off Hillside Avenue in Bellerose, NYC. With the stroke of a pen, Governor Hochul forced 1,300 single adult migrant men into our small, suburban residential neighborhood of Bellerose. Crime has skyrocketed, and yet the NYPD is under orders to take a hands-off approach—because we are told these individuals are our “guests.” The consequences of this reckless policy stretch far beyond Bellerose, affecting Jamaica Estates, and all the communities along Union Turnpike, and the surrounding areas. Migrants are even living in tents in our precious parks, such as Alley Pond Park and Cunningham Park, to avoid detection.

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## From Neighborhood Bully to Tyrant, Cuomo Now Sets His Sights on NYC



By Phil Orenstein

In a shocking statement made in 2018 while serving as governor of New York, Andrew Cuomo declared that America “was never that great,” positioning himself for a rumored presidential bid against President Trump in 2020. However, his ambitions came crashing down when he resigned in disgrace in 2021 amid multiple sexual harassment allegations. Now, just a few years later, with the hope that the public has forgotten his past transgressions,



Cuomo is rebranding himself as a leader of integrity and competence in his bid for New York City mayor. Shockingly, (cont. page 5)

# Political Tidbits

**“BORDER CZAR” TOM HOMAN CALLS FOR NEW YORK TO END SANCTUARY CITY LAWS DURING ALBANY VISIT. 03/13/2025, CBS News report.** White House “border czar” Tom Homan met Tuesday 03/12/2025 in Albany with Republican lawmakers to demand an end to sanctuary city laws. He praised NYC Mayor Eric Adams for agreeing to help him deport immigrants who commit crimes, but “slammed” Gov. Kathy Hochul. Homan stated: “Releasing a public safety threat back into the public is just stupid. It’s just common sense.” Democrat tempers flew while Republicans rejoiced. “You’re not going to stop us. NYS, you’ve got to change the sanctuary status. Your governor stands on national TV . . . she goes down [to] New York City and tries to fire the mayor who wants to help me find public safety threats.”

**TRUMP HAS ASKED MILITARY FOR PLANS FOR RECLAIMING PANAMA CANAL. 03/14/2025, MXM Exclusive.** “The White House has instructed the U.S. military to explore options for increasing its presence in Panama to advance President Donald Trump’s goal of ‘reclaiming’ the Panama Canal. Military officials are considering a range of strategies, from diplomatic cooperation with Panama to a more aggressive approach if necessary.” Reclaiming the control of the Panama Canal by the U.S. would strengthen national security and prevent Chinese dominance over the canal. Plans are to deepen partnerships with Panamanian security forces. Secretary of State Marco Rubio recently visited Panamanian President Jose Raul Mulino. He told President Mulino that the current Chinese presence in Panama is “unacceptable.” Trump has criticized the 1977 treaty signed by President Jimmy Carter where control was transferred to Panama. Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth will visit Panama next month.



**TRUMP ON U.S. ANNEXATION OF GREENLAND: ‘I THINK IT’LL HAPPEN.’ 03/13/2025, Politico.** Trump said the U.S. needs Greenland for international security. Trump’s remarks came during a meeting in the White House with NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte. This massive Arctic island is a territory of Denmark. Like the U.S., Denmark was a founding member of NATO, a major international alliance created in 1949 on the heels of WW II. “Denmark has controlled Greenland, the world’s largest island, since the 14th century” but has been self-governing since 1979. We read: “Opinion polls suggest that most Greenlanders oppose joining the U.S., although a majority favor eventual independence from Denmark.” And, “Greenland’s pro-business opposition Democratic party, which wants a slow approach to independence from Denmark, won Tuesday’s parliamentary election. On Thursday, Trump said that election was good for the United States.” “Greenland’s strategic location and rich mineral resources could benefit the U.S. It lies along the shortest route from Europe to North America, vital for the U.S. ballistic missile warning system.” The U.S. military maintains a Pituffik Space Base (formerly Thule Air Base) on the NW coast of Greenland, a province of Denmark under a defense agreement between Denmark and the U.S.

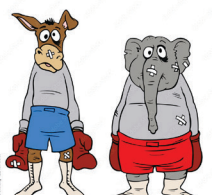


*Curtis Sliwa, NYC’s next mayor, reads the Queens County Beacon*

**TRUMP’S POLICIES BEGIN TO WORK AS JOB OPENINGS SURGE TO 7.74 MILLION. 03/14/2025, Republican Informer.** America’s economy is soaring despite mainstream media’s gloomy predictions. Trump’s economy shows job openings surged to 7.74 million in January; economists expected 7.6 million. Leading the job increase in job openings include real estate, construction, retail, manufacturing and financial sectors. 30,000 new job openings were in manufacturing, the first significant rise since September. All this is attributed to confidence in President Trump more than anything. “The Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey (JOLTS) report – released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics this week – revealed that the quits rate rose to 2.1 percent, a clear indicator that workers feel increasingly confident about finding better employment opportunities. This metric is particularly important as it demonstrates that Americans aren’t just finding jobs – they’re finding the freedom to pursue better career paths and higher wages.”

**DEMOCRATS OUGHT TO LOVE DOGE,** is the title of an opinion piece The Wall Street Journal published last month. The article discusses Elon Musk’s rapid and aggressive approach to reducing government inefficiency through the newly established Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE). The author suggests that Democrats and progressives, who have historically advocated for streamlined government operations, should appreciate Musk’s efforts in achieving significant bureaucratic reductions in such a short period. The article says Musk is accomplishing something nobody has ever pulled off and that President Trump and Musk have achieved more in a few weeks than Ronald Reagan did in 8 years when it comes to government shrinkage.

**HOUSE DEMOCRATS IN ‘COMPLETE AND UTTER MELTDOWN’ OVER SCHUMER’S SUPPORT FOR TRUMP SPENDING BILL. 03/14/2025, MXM Exclusive.** “House Democrats are fuming after Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) signaled support for the Trump-backed GOP stopgap spending bill, leaving them feeling betrayed. Furious members are considering primary challenges against Senate Democrats who vote for the measure.” Upon seeing Schumer’s giving Trump’s spending bill a path forward, we learn the House Democrats exploded with outrage, with some lawmakers suggesting storming the Senate floor in protest. Schumer justified his position saying that a government shutdown would be a greater disaster, handing Trump an advantage. “The fallout has been swift, in private discussions, some House Democrats have begun discussing primary challenges against Schumer and other Senate Democrats who vote for the bill. Reps. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-N.Y.) and Dan Goldman (D-N.Y.) have been floated as potential challenges to Schumer. One House member even pledged to donate immediately to an effort to unseat him.”





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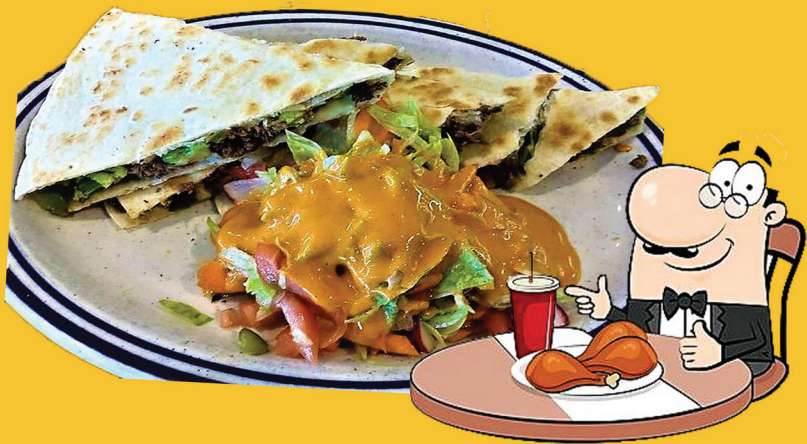
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Recently, we received the positive news that the Creedmoor migrant “tent city,” as we call it, will finally be closing. We have you to thank for that—not Governor Hochul, despite our fawning elected officials hypocritically taking all the credit and praising the governor in their press releases.

Yet, as if that weren’t enough, Hochul has now handed over the Creedmoor property to Empire State Development to push forward an even more destructive plan—the Creedmoor Master Plan—which threatens the heart of a quiet, working-class, multicultural neighborhood.

The proposal calls for 3,000 affordable housing units (approximately 12,000 people), including a significant share of supportive housing, even though our area already carries one of the highest supportive housing burdens in the city. Former Governor Cuomo’s disastrous policy of converting inpatient psychiatric patients into outpatients—requiring far less supervision—has already placed a significant strain on our community. Now, they want to add even more.

And still, it gets worse. Mayor Adams’ City of Yes initiative threatens to obliterate our small residential

neighborhoods by forcing high-density housing into every available space—apartment buildings in the middle of single-family home blocks, stores on residential corner properties, additional housing units (ADU’s) crammed into backyards and driveways—all under the false pretense of solving a so-called housing crisis that has existed in New York City for decades. When do we finally say that people should live where they can afford to and not on the backs of New Yorkers who are forced to leave their homes. The only ones benefiting from these policies are the developers who financially supported the very politicians now in control of our city.

On top of all this, Local Law 97, signed into law in 2019 by former Mayor Bill de Blasio, is now forcing us to convert to electric—imposing crippling costs on our beautifully maintained co-ops and residential homes, further driving taxpayers out of our once-great and beautiful city residential areas.

President Trump, we are exhausted. We are under attack from all sides—Governor Hochul, Borough President Donovan Richards, the City Planning Committee, our radical City Council, and Mayor Adams. We have fought tirelessly, but we need



help. We need leadership that will stand up for law-abiding citizens and protect our communities before it’s too late. Our country was founded on the principle that “We the People” should control our own lives and destinies—not outside foreign entities, big developers, radical progressive groups, or corrupt politicians seeking to exploit our communities for their own gain.

We ask for your support, your voice, and your guidance. We will never stop fighting for you, for our neighborhoods, for our families, and for the future of New York!

he leads the Democratic primary polls, earning praise from prominent figures across the political spectrum, including some Jewish leaders and the American Jewish Congress.

We remember the bitter cold of early 2014, when the Queens Village Republican Club stood alongside a coalition of Republicans, Democrats, Conservatives, and Pro-Life advocates on the steps of Queens Borough Hall to protest Cuomo’s arrogance. He had infamously declared that conservatives had “no place in the state of New York”—specifically targeting those who were pro-life, pro-Second Amendment, or opposed to same-sex marriage. His words were a chilling testament to his intolerance for any dissenting opinions, and in fact a strong two-party system in New York with a healthy multiplicity of viewpoints, is crucial.

Cuomo’s authoritarian streak is nothing new. Growing up in Hollis, Queens, he and his brother Chris were reportedly known as neighborhood bullies, intimidating younger kids, vandalizing property, and even engaging in physical cruelty. The traits of a bully—lust for power, lack of empathy, a penchant for deceit—only intensified as he climbed the political ranks. Former colleagues describe his leadership style as one rooted in threats, verbal abuse, and manipulation to get his way.

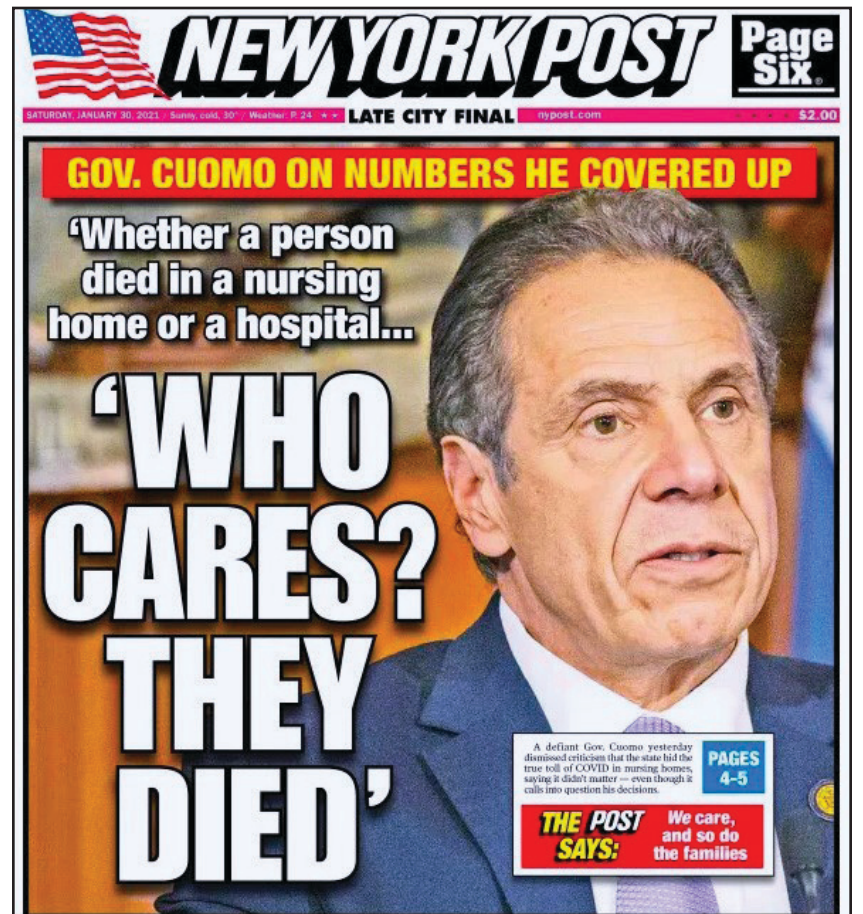
His heavy-handed governance reached its peak during the COVID-19 pandemic when he ruled like a dictator, imposing draconian lockdowns and mandates while sending thousands of elderly nursing home patients to their deaths. Despite President Trump providing critical resources—including the U.S. Navy hospital ship Comfort and the fully equipped Javits Center—Cuomo chose partisan politics over saving lives. His refusal to utilize these federal resources directly contributed to New York’s staggering death toll. A state comptroller report later revealed that his administration had engaged in a massive coverup, underreporting

nursing home deaths by as much as 50%. When confronted, Cuomo dismissed the numbers with a chilling “who cares?” remark, saying “...whether they died in the hospital, or died in a nursing home, they died” epitomizing his complete lack of empathy.

Now, Cuomo touts his commitment to public safety, promising to hire 5,000 more police officers if elected mayor. But his record tells a different story. As governor, he championed “no bail, no jail” policies that turned New York’s criminal justice system into a revolving door for violent offenders. He prioritized criminals over victims to appease the radical left, and New Yorkers have paid the price with soaring crime rates and streets overrun by repeat offenders.

His leftist pandering extended to immigration policy as well. In defiance of federal law, Cuomo strengthened New York’s sanctuary status, barring law enforcement from cooperating with ICE, providing legal protections for illegal immigrants, and signing the Green Light Law, which granted them driver’s licenses. His open-border stance, meant to cultivate new Democratic voters, directly contributed to crimes committed by repeat offenders who should have been deported. One tragic example involved an illegal alien with six prior arrests who was repeatedly released due to sanctuary policies—only to later burn an innocent New Yorker to death in the subway.

Cuomo’s hypocrisy knows no bounds, as he sought to appease the left. He legalized recreational marijuana, exacerbating public health and safety concerns. He signed the Reproductive Health Act, allowing abortion up until the moment of birth, and celebrated by illuminating One World Trade Center in pink. He appointed left-wing parole board members who freed felons convicted of heinous crimes, including notorious cop killers, such as Herman Bell and Anthony Bottom, former Black Liberation Army members, convicted of killing two NYPD officers, David Gilbert, former Weather



Underground terrorist, convicted for his role in the 1981 Brink’s robbery and murder of two police officers and a security guard, and a number of other cop killers, all granted parole.

Now, in a desperate bid to reclaim power, Cuomo is criticizing the Democratic Party for being too soft on crime—despite being a key architect of its disastrous policies. He has no real principles, only an insatiable hunger for total power and control. His cowardice and opportunism helped create the crisis that now engulfs New York City. Rising crime, failing schools, the MTA’s dysfunction, draconian COVID mandates, high taxes, the flood of illegal migrants, tenant-friendly laws crippling property owners, shutting down psychiatric facilities triggering rampant homelessness—the blame for all these issues can be traced back to Cuomo’s reign.

New Yorkers cannot afford to forget. Andrew Cuomo is no leader. He’s a spineless hypocrite who caves in to the leftwing minority of his party. He does not deserve another shot at power—he deserves to be held accountable for his misdeeds. Instead of Gracie Mansion, he belongs in a courtroom, and ultimately jail, answering for the suffering he has caused. The city needs real leadership, not a power-hungry tyrant looking for a comeback tour. That’s why we must rally behind Curtis Sliwa, the founder of the Guardian Angels and a true advocate for New Yorkers’ safety and well-being.

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## BESS NOT OUR "BESS" FRIEND By Tavia Trusch

**B**attery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) are increasingly being installed across New York City to support the transition to renewable energy sources by storing energy from wind and solar power. However, their placement in residential neighborhoods has sparked significant safety concerns among residents.

According to the *NY Post* (03/13/25), in Brooklyn's Marine Park, the planned construction of two 14-megawatt BESS facilities by NineDot Energy has alarmed locals. Residents fear potential hazards such as toxic chemical leaks and uncontrollable fires, especially given past incidents involving similar battery systems. Despite assurances from NineDot Energy, skepticism remains high. Community members have organized town halls and are exploring legal avenues to relocate the projects away from residential zones.

The *NY Post* (02/03/25) states that similar opposition has emerged in other parts of New York. On Staten Island, Borough President Vito Fossella criticized the proliferation of BESS facilities near homes, stating that the city is "playing with fire" by allowing such developments in residential areas. An online petition initiated by residents has garnered significant support, urging a halt to these installations due to safety concerns.

In upstate New York, the town of Duanesburg voted to ban BESS projects, citing threats to public health and safety. Officials highlighted the challenges of relying on volunteer firefighters and limited access to public water in case of emergencies. These local actions reflect broader apprehensions about the safety of BESS facilities, particularly regarding fire hazards and the release of toxins during incidents. (*NY Post* 2/3/25)

Scott LoBaido, artist and advocate along with Curtis Sliwa, NYC Republican candidate for mayor have been holding rallies in Brooklyn and Staten Island against the placement of the BESS facilities. They have plans to hold similar rallies against the placement of BESS facilities in residential areas in the remaining boroughs and on Long Island. Please keep yourself informed about this dire situation, and when there is a rally, please attend and bring your neighbors. There is strength in numbers, and we do not want these facilities near our homes or schools. When these batteries catch fire, they cannot be put out with water and must burn themselves out, causing toxins which are very harmful to both humans and animals, to be emitted into the air and soil. We must stop this now. Please contact [NineDot.com](https://nine.energy/connect) and voice your concern. Let's flood them with phone calls. <https://nine.energy/connect>

## 150TH ANNIVERSARY LINCOLN DINNER: MY EXPERIENCE By Celina Kahn

I have been a member of the Queens Village Republican Club for several years. Each year, I look forward to their annual Lincoln Dinner Anniversary Event held in March, which is always organized with great care. This year, however, the 150th Anniversary of the Lincoln Dinner was exceptional in every way imaginable. The highlight of the evening was our special guest, the beloved former mayor of New York City, Rudy Giuliani. We were also joined by notable political figures, including Curtis Sliwa, a candidate for New York City mayor in 2025, along with numerous local politicians and former officials, as well as our regular guests.

The event was a delightful celebration, featuring an impressive guest list, top-notch catering, lively entertainment, a DJ, musical performances by local bands, stunning room decorations, and thoughtful goody bags. Above all, the exceptional hospitality provided by the club members truly made this 150th Lincoln Dinner a magical experience. The entire event felt like a living work of art... it was truly unforgettable.

## HIGH COST OF UTILITIES ARE HURTING OUR NEIGHBORS By Stan Norwalk

**W**e have been receiving many complaints from our community on the high cost of their Utility bills rising up 60-70% or better. I believe based on the number of complaints and the overwhelming increases that we are seeing we are experiencing a utility cost crisis unprecedented in our lifetime.

For example: One bill went from \$188.00 on a level billing plan to \$310.00 over the last 12 months when the usage has not changed. As a matter of fact, the owner indicated that they are cutting back by shutting off lights, lowering the thermostat, shutting off security lights in the front and back of the house and doing less frequently the laundry etc.

Another family's bill was \$975 for a small 2 bedroom garden apartment less than half the size of the one above. Yes they have more people but how are these sharp increases justified when people's habits for the most part have not changed? As a matter of fact, people have had to change their usage habits to cover the high costs and try to bring the costs down, to no avail. The more consumers cut their utility habits the more the utility companies raise their rates to offset the community's cutbacks and keep their revenue flow at the same level or higher. Another single-family home 18 feet wide had a bill for \$668.20 with 2 people - a dramatic increase over the past year.

Not only have New Yorkers faced a housing crisis, now we have a utility cost crisis. Over the past months and years meters have been upgraded but are they properly working and calibrated? A modest increase in the speed of a meter can do a lot of damage when you do it to millions of people.

An investigation should be made immediately as our neighbors and all New Yorkers are struggling with the cost of living where they have to adjust their usage habits at the risk of their health. We would appreciate investigations by an independent consultant to get to the bottom of this crisis! The utility companies will only justify their billing to enhance the bottom line. I would not depend on them for a fair assessment and analysis.

*Stan Norwalk: Board of Directors of the Kew Gardens Hills Civic Association and Community Foundation. [oo7sfn@aol.com](mailto:oo7sfn@aol.com), (347) 513-6280. Appreciate your feedback and follow up so I can report back to the community.*

## THE WAY I SEE TRUMP RESTORING AMERICA'S GREATNESS By Fred Nicholson

**T**he past four years under Biden's leftist, incompetent administration have been disastrous, but they have set the stage for a historic Trump revival. Biden's policies unleashed lawfare and censorship against conservatives, opened the borders to millions of unvetted migrants, and wasted billions on a fraudulent Green New Deal, triggering 1970s-style inflation.

Now, Trump is prepared to undo the damage. His administration is taking on sanctuary cities, suing top New York officials for sheltering undocumented criminals, and challenging laws that grant illegal migrants driver's licenses. He has vowed to deport foreign students supporting Hamas and has already banned men from competing in women's sports while protecting minors from transgender medical interventions.

On foreign policy, Trump is committed to ending the catastrophic Ukraine war, which has cost billions and pushed the world toward nuclear conflict. Unlike Biden, who refused diplomacy with Putin, Trump prioritizes negotiation over war. He's not afraid to propose bold solutions, such as relocating Palestinians from Gaza, while staying true to his America-first trade policies.

A master dealmaker, Trump is ready to strike agreements that protect America's interests. His 2024 victory will be a win for the middle and working classes, unleashing America's energy, cutting taxes for all, and securing a future of peace, freedom, and prosperity.

## PRESIDENT TRUMP PULLS \$400 MILLION FROM COLUMBIA OVER JEWISH HATRED By Frederick R. Bedell Jr.

*Grand Knight of St. Anastasia Knights of Columbus Council #5911*

As reported, Trump cancelled \$400 million in grants for Columbia over Jewish hatred. Now antisemitism has run wild across America and in our colleges and universities like Columbia University. There have been protests and acts of violence against those of the Jewish faith. This must stop. In my view the administrators at these universities have tolerated antisemitism for many years with no end in sight. Now, with the loss of millions of dollars, more will be done to end all this hate. Remember what was once said, "Evil thrives when good people do nothing." At this university, there was always much talk about ways to end all the hatred, but not enough was being done. Well, President Trump is doing something to end all this antisemitism. Now for that I say Bravo, President Trump!

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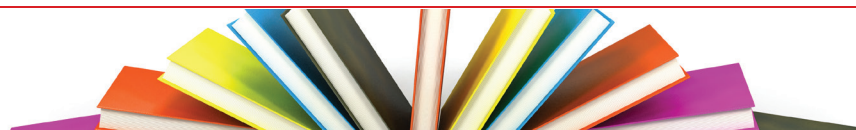
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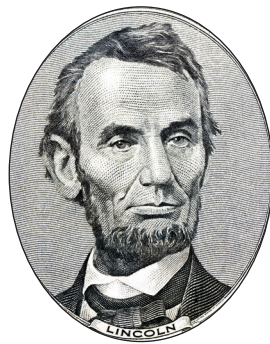
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# Lincoln Address



Delivered by Tiffany Justice, Co-Founder of Moms for Liberty at the QVRC 150th Anniversary Lincoln Dinner on March 2, 2025

Good evening, friends. Upon the sacred ground of our forefathers' promise, etched in toil and sealed with hope, we gather tonight as stewards of a timeless charge: to defend our fundamental parental rights, to guard our children, to shield their innocence, as the first duty of any people who dare to call themselves free. We meet under the shadow of Abraham Lincoln—a man who rose from a log cabin to hold a nation together through its darkest division. Here in Queens, in this year of 2025, his words still echo, calling us to hope, to resolve, and to the power of the people united. I am Tiffany Justice—a mom, a fighter, and co-founder of Moms for Liberty—and I am honored to stand with you and ask: what would Lincoln say to us today?

Lincoln knew division wasn't just about battlelines drawn in blood—it was a test of whether we could hold fast to a common purpose amid the storm. Today, we're not at war with cannon and sword, but we feel the strain nonetheless: parents pitted against bureaucrats, freedom wrestling with control. I've seen this firsthand building Moms for Liberty—a movement of moms and dads rising across this land, from school boards to statehouses, because we believe our children deserve better. During the shadow of COVID, when the powers that be sought to keep us separated, Moms for Liberty turned to the best of social media to bring parents together—to fight back against the tyranny of lockdowns and mandates. Lincoln, in his Second Inaugural, spoke of "malice toward none, with charity for all." He'd tell us now: don't just fight the system—lift each other up. That's what we do in Moms for Liberty, not seeking uniformity, but a shared stand for what is true.

The task before us is neither small nor simple. Our children, the inheritors of all we hold dear, face perils we did not fashion but cannot ignore—dangers that creep silent into their schools, their minds, their very futures. We see policies falter, promises unkept, and the sacred trust of protection strained near to breaking. It is not for us to ask why this burden falls to our time, but to answer with the full measure of our devotion: that it shall not stand. For me, this fight became personal long before Moms for Liberty took root. In 2016, I ran for school board in my community because I saw our schools drifting—not living up to their responsibility to educate our children. Then COVID struck, and the cracks widened into chasms.

Lincoln didn't just speak of liberty—he lived it. At Cooper Union, not far from here, he argued that freedom's roots run deep, back to our Founding Fathers. As Moms for Liberty, we're fighting for that same liberty: the right to raise our kids, to shape their education, to protect their future. It's not abstract—it's personal. Liberty's not free; it demands courage. Lincoln stood against the spread of slavery, a moral blight on his time. We stand now against agendas that silence parents or indoctrinate our children. Here in Queens, in New York, we declare: our voices matter, our values endure. We are the mothers and fathers of this hour, bound by a love that knows no rest, a will that bends not to despair. From every corner of this land, we rise—not as strangers divided, but as kin united—to demand that the laws of our nation...

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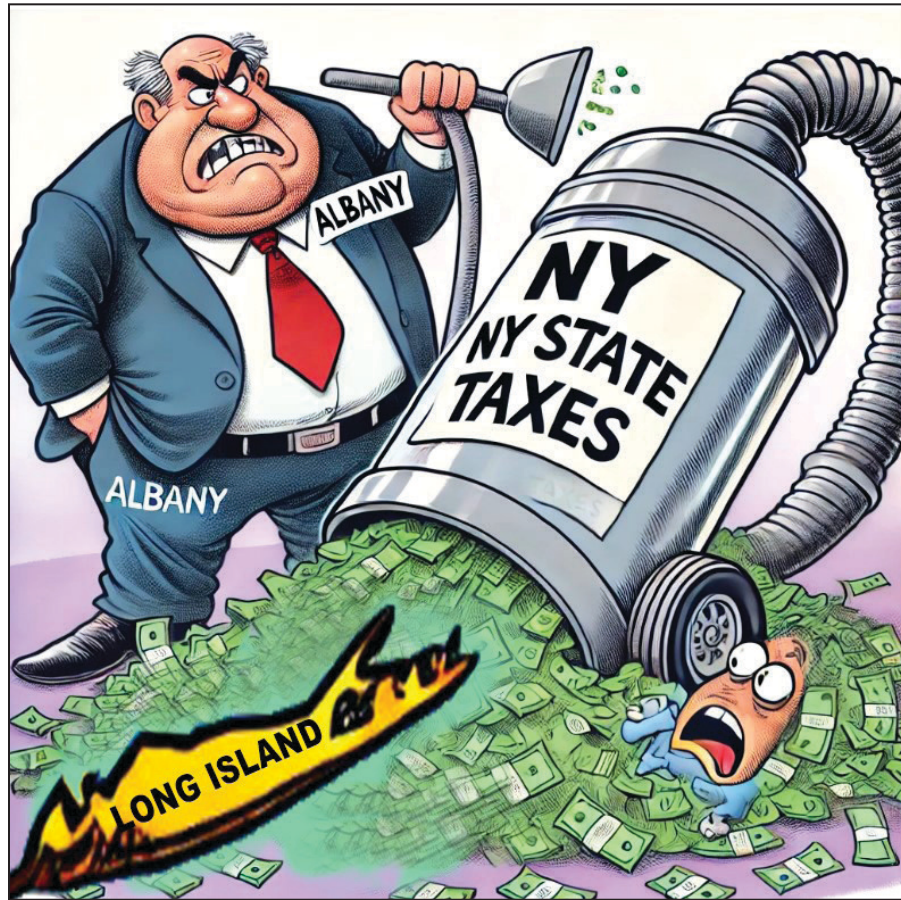


# Long Island: The 51st State?

By Cody Persaud

There has been a noticeable sentiment amongst us here on Long Island, of which I define as the geographic areas of Northeastern Queens, Nassau, and Suffolk Counties; one which involves the idea of secession from New York State and the creation of a State of Long Island. Some Long Islanders, often times dissatisfied with the current political landscape in New York State, cite a number of political, economic, and cultural reasons for the idea coming to fruition. While those in much of New York City turn their noses up at such an idea, and while those in Albany cower at the very thought of it, why must we brush off the idea without first examining the reason why this sentiment has manifested in the first place, as well as the positives and negatives of this hypothetical proposition?

What must first be examined is our incessant taxation at the hands of Albany, from which we receive so little in return. According to the New York State Comptroller's Office, in 2022, Long Island paid \$24.6 billion in New York State taxes and fees, yet in return, we only received \$457 million reinvested by state initiatives. Why is it that we accept such meager returns when those who make decisions on our behalf are not Long Islanders? More importantly, why do we accept this theft from those who do naught to keep Long Islanders safe, and fail in detaining violent criminals across New York City, who manage to filter onto Long Island? The relative safety of Long Island compared to New York City is undoubtedly a reason why so



many from New York City decide to move, yet New York City's inability to control its criminals thus forces it to be our problem just as much as it is theirs.

What must also be taken into consideration is the cultural genesis of Long Island, specifically in comparison to that of New York City. The fact remains that Long Island is far more culturally connected to New England than it is to New York City, and the settlement patterns of the first European settlers

on the island paint this picture. Much of New York City, as well as Brooklyn and the western half of Queens, were settled by the Dutch, along with settlers from France, Flanders, and Wallonia (the latter two now being consolidated into what is now Belgium), and it is this merging of different European cultures which laid the foundation for New York City's mindset of what would eventually be coined the "melting pot." It is also this cultural genesis from which New

York City's values and mindset evolve far differently from that of Long Island.

Why I state that Long Island is more culturally connected to New England is because, unlike New York City, Long Island's first English settlers were Bostonians from the Colony of Massachusetts Bay who arrived in Southold in 1640, and further expeditions from Massachusetts and from the Saybrook Colony in Connecticut founded settlements all along the eastern forks of Long Island, as well as the northern coast. On top of that, most of Long Island was actually a part of Connecticut until 1664 and was considered a part of New England until 1689. It is as a result of these settlement patterns that we have retained much of the architectural and historical heritage of our New Englander ancestors, which is made evident in coastal towns all along the coasts of the island, and the seafoods which are so popular here match those of our brethren to the North.

Despite these points, as with any decision that is made, there are drawbacks just as there are benefits, which I shall delve deeper into in future articles, but for the time being, I shall provide a simple layout of both. We benefit by keeping our tax revenue as opposed to keeping but a miniscule percentage of our contributions, and we benefit by being able to properly govern ourselves based on our needs as opposed to those from elsewhere. Where we may see challenge is with tolls. Becoming a separate state might mean a toll to enter the boroughs, which New York State may levy as a punishment for our secession.

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# Maha Kumbh Fair: Largest, Most Significant, Vibrant and Deeply Spiritual Religious Gatherings



By Ankush Bhandari

Since January 13, more than 500 million people by February 14th from around the globe have converged at the Maha Kumbh Mela (Maha Kumbh Fair) in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh, India.

This massive event showcases a powerful synergy of faith and celebration. The fair is a grand assembly of rituals, with the bathing ceremony standing out as the most significant. It is undeniably the largest human gathering on Earth, commanding global attention.

The year 2025 signifies a rare celestial alignment, making this Kumbh Mela (Fair) a once-in-144-year event that cannot be missed.

At the Triveni Sangam, where three major rivers meet, millions of pilgrims come together to participate in this sacred practice. This tradition is rooted in the profound belief that immersing oneself in the holy waters cleanses sins, frees both the individual and their ancestors from the cycle of rebirth, and ultimately grants Moksha, or spiritual liberation.

India anticipates a staggering total of 650 million attendees for this fair, and the influx expected for the 2025 Maha Kumbh (Fair) will be truly monumental. People from all corners of the world,

representing diverse walks of life, will gather to witness this extraordinary event that promises to be both enlightening and exhilarating.

The Kumbh Mela stands as one of the most profound pilgrimages for Hindus, taking place along the banks of India's revered sacred rivers.

Jupiter holds a crucial position in determining the timing and significance of the Kumbh Mela, one of the most sacred events in Hinduism.

With an orbit of approximately 12 years around the sun, Jupiter establishes the framework for the Maha Kumbh Mela (Fair). This monumental gathering transpires when the sun, moon, and Jupiter align in a powerful astrological configuration, marking it as a time of immense spiritual significance.

Rooted in rich Hindu scriptures, the Kumbh Mela (Fair) traces its origins to the Sagar Manthan.

Sagar Manthan is the churning of the ocean. The churning of the ocean was done by both gods and demons in a fierce struggle for the Amrit, the nectar of immortality.

The story states that Lord Vishnu was carrying a Kumbh (pot) of Amrit (nectar), when a scuffle broke out and four drops were spilled. They fell to earth at the four Tirthas of Prayagraj, Haridwar, Nasik and Ujjain.

These hallowed locations, where rivers converge, become a sanctuary for millions seeking solace and salvation.

The event rotates among the revered towns of Nashik (nestled on the banks of the Godavari), Ujjain (along the

Shipra), Haridwar (beside the Ganga), and Prayagraj (at the Triveni Sangam, the confluence of the Ganga, Yamuna, and the legendary Saraswati).

It is believed that a sacred dip in these holy waters washes away the burdens of countless lifetimes, liberating individuals from the shackles of karma and granting moksha—the ultimate liberation from the cycle of birth and death.

Saints, yoga enthusiasts, travellers, photographers, and spiritual seekers from every corner of the globe converge upon the Maha Kumbh Mela for a multitude of reasons. For countless individuals, this gathering is not merely an event; it is a transformative spiritual pilgrimage. Many believe that immersing themselves in the sacred waters during this auspicious time cleanses their sins and paves the way for spiritual liberation. Others are drawn to the festival's exhilarating cultural performances, mesmerizing displays of folk art, and the delightful offerings of traditional cuisine, all of which provide an unparalleled opportunity to immerse themselves in the vibrant essence of Indian culture.

Many visuals showed the seer riding into the Maha Kumbh tent city on a Harley Davidson motorcycle.

Another seer known as "**Splendor Baba**" undertook a 14-day journey from state of Gujarat on a three-wheeler motorcycle. Another "Chabhi (key) wale Baba", meanwhile, roams around with a 20 kg key.

**Chhotu Baba**, who has not taken a

bath in 32 years, arrived at the tent city from Assam's Kamakhya Peeth.

Michael, a former US Army soldier-turned-ascetic now known as 'Baba Mokshapuri', shared his journey of transformation. "I was an ordinary man with a family and career. But I realised that nothing in life is permanent, so I embarked on a quest for salvation," he said. Associated with the Juna Akhara, Michael has dedicated his life to propagating Sanatan Dharma / Hinduism.

The Maha Kumbh Mela attracted numerous high-profile celebrities across the worlds that are eager to partake in its sacred rituals.

Among the Bollywood luminaries present were Mamata Kulkarni, Rajkumar Rao, Vicky Kaushal, and Ranbir Kapoor with wife Alia Bhatt, Hema Malini, Patralekhaa, Anupam Kher, and many more alongside international icons like Richard Gere, Chris Martin and Dakota Johnson.

Laurene Powell Jobs, the esteemed American billionaire businesswoman, executive, and philanthropist, who is widow of the late Steve Jobs. She graced the ashram of her guru, Swami Kailashand Giri, the revered Acharya Mahamandleshwar of Niranjini Akhara. 118-member diplomatic delegation represented 77 countries, including Heads of Mission (HoMs), diplomats, and their spouses visited the fair.

This is an experience no one will want to miss.

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# The DOGE Revelations: Uncovering Unprecedented Government Waste



**By Francis O'Hara**

Since his return to office on January 20, 2025, President Donald J. Trump has wasted no time in implementing sweeping reforms. On his first day alone, he signed 26 executive orders, with many more following in the subsequent weeks. While some of these orders face legal challenges, his administration is moving decisively to dismantle bureaucratic overreach that many argue contradicts the U.S. Constitution.

Now, with recent revelations from the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE), it appears we've only scratched the surface of a much deeper problem. Under the leadership of Elon Musk, DOGE has begun exposing what may be the most egregious financial misconduct in U.S. government history. The agency has turned its focus on a rogue Treasury Department, uncovering a trail of corruption spanning years, if not decades. While the full extent of this malfeasance remains to be seen, one thing is clear: the reckoning has begun.

### The Unfathomable Misuse of Taxpayer Dollars

As more information surfaces, the scale of government waste, fraud, and abuse is proving to be even worse than many feared. Astonishingly, these revelations should concern every taxpayer—regardless of political affiliation. Yet, instead of embracing accountability, Democratic leaders have responded with outrage over DOGE's creation and its access to agency records. These are records that, under executive authority, should rightfully be subject to oversight.

One would expect a responsible government to routinely expose financial mismanagement, conduct audits, and enforce accountability—just as businesses, small and large, and even self-employed individuals must do. Yet, in many cases, these agencies seemingly never even attempted to cover their tracks. Unlike criminal enterprises,

which at least attempt to maintain two sets of books, these bureaucrats acted as though they were untouchable.

### A System Built on Corruption?

The evidence suggests one unavoidable conclusion: corruption is deeply entrenched. Vast sums of taxpayer money appear to have been funneled into pet projects, money

laundering operations, and potentially even illegal election financing. Now caught in the spotlight, the perpetrators have no defense—only outrage, obstruction, and baseless accusations.

Meanwhile, the mainstream media, once a bastion of investigative journalism, has chosen to target Elon

Musk himself. Once celebrated by the left as a visionary, he is now vilified simply for assisting in an effort to expose and eliminate government waste.

The coming months will reveal just how far this rot extends. But one thing is certain: the American people deserve the truth. And with DOGE leading the charge, they just might get it.

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# Challenging Times for Co-op Owners



By Elena Chin

Cooperative living has played a significant role in shaping New York City's residential landscape for over a century, with Queens serving as a hub for cooperative housing. The ability to live in desirable areas where homeownership is out of one's budget is one of many benefits of cooperative living. However, in recent years, co-op owners are feeling the increasing financial strain as maintenance fees rise at unsustainable rates. Identifying the root causes behind the spike in costs is essential to reversing the trend.

For decades the New York City Council has been predominantly led by Democrats moving increasingly left. Several factors contribute to rising costs for co-op owners, however, progressive policies related to property taxes, labor standards, and environmental regulation are undeniably exacerbating the problem. This did not happen overnight. We are experiencing the fallout from long-term one-party dominance.

Take property taxes, for example. As a main source of revenue for the city, property taxes have increased significantly in recent years. To address budget deficits resulting from failed policy decisions, the city raises property tax rates or imposes reassessment fees on property owners. Property tax hikes contribute to higher operating costs for co-ops, which are passed on to shareholders.

It's important to recognize that the effects of Governor Cuomo's disastrous COVID policies continue to impact New Yorkers, including co-op owners. Business closures, state and city budget deficits, increased operating costs, higher taxes, and inflation are some of the challenges New Yorkers continue to face because of poor decisions and unchecked power.

Likewise, market instability caused by inflation, increasing labor costs, and supply chain disruptions has resulted in huge spikes in property insurance premiums—making up a significant portion of the costs passed on to the shareholder. In times of economic instability, insurers raise premiums to cover potential claims, as the price of building materials and labor costs continue to soar.

Additionally, for years, Democratic City Council members have strongly advocated for minimum wage increases and "living wage" laws, which have led to higher labor costs for building management and maintenance workers. Higher salaries increase operating costs, which are also passed on to shareholders.

New Yorkers have borne the financial consequences of sanctuary

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city and immigration policies--decades in the making and championed by the Democrats. In 1989, under a Democrat mayor and a NY City Council controlled by Democrats, New York was declared a sanctuary city. In 2003, Mayor Bloomberg reinforced the policy by implementing the "City of Immigrants" initiative, granting migrants here illegally access to city services including education and healthcare. By July of 2023 we had reached a breaking point. Even Mayor Adams acknowledged the economic impact of spending billions of dollars to house and care for migrants, warning that the situation could "destroy" New York City. There is no doubt that New Yorker's will shoulder the financial consequences of misguided policies and out-of-control spending for

years to come.

Equally consequential for co-op owners was the "climate emergency" declared by the Committee of Environmental Protection in 2019, which led to the passing of the Climate Mobilization Act by a democratic-controlled City Council determined to position New York as a global leader in a climate action. Driven by concerns about the financial impact of this decision, council members--Joe Borelli, and Steven Matteo--two out of three of the Republican council members--were the only two members who voted against the legislation.

Local Law 97, part of the Climate Mobilization Act, aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from

buildings over 25,000 square feet in size 40% by 2030 and 80% by 2050. It requires these buildings to replace their old heating oil and natural gas boilers and switch to electric heat so as to cut down on greenhouse gas emissions, which poses a serious threat to the financial stability of co-ops. Compliance and retrofitting to meet Local Law 97 requirements, along with securing financing are serious challenges for many coop and condo boards, which face the risk of substantial penalties of many millions of dollars, for non-compliance. Critics warn that future updates to the law could eventually extend these requirements to private homeowners.

It's crucial to understand how Local Law 97 impacts property insurance rates. A building's risk profile is influenced by its compliance with the law and operational costs. Failing to comply or delaying upgrades places the building in a higher risk category, leading to high premiums.

Moreover, the Public Service Commission (appointed by the governor and confirmed by the state Senate) recently approved significant Con Edison rate hikes to fund investments into clean energy infrastructure. Gas heating costs, which are also passed on to the shareholder are another financial burden associated with the climate initiative, driven by "climate enthusiasts."

In response to concerns from many of her constituents who are co-op owners, Council Member Linda Lee has introduced Intro 772 to amend Local Law 97. If passed, the amendment would modify how emissions are calculated and reduce penalties for non-compliance, easing the financial strain on co-op boards. The good news is that Lee has received significant bipartisan support for the bill. With the right combination of political engagement, public support, and strategic advocacy, we can secure the passage of Intro 772.

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By Paul Graziano

# URGENT CALL TO ACTION UPDATE ON CITY OF YES LAWSUIT FILING

## Lots more work - and fundraising - to do

Exactly 2 months ago, Mayor Adams signed the City of Yes for Housing Opportunity (CoYHO) into law. You may remember that I sent out an email blast telling you that “We MUST file a lawsuit against this mess, and we have to do it quickly.”

Since then, our coalition has been working feverishly towards that goal.

Through consistent outreach and generous donations from civic/homeowner organizations and individuals, we have raised over \$65,000 so far towards this effort, with all contributions going to the Queens Civic Congress, a registered 501c4 charity, who has agreed to be the fiscal conduit for this effort.

After a careful interview process, we have retained (again, through the Queens Civic Congress) Jack Lester, Esq., as our main attorney to bring the case to court. We also have a stable of other attorneys and experts – including



myself – who are assisting in the shaping of the lawsuit.

This is important, as this lawsuit, known as an Article 78 proceeding, must have all of its information introduced at the beginning of the action. Once it has been filed, we only have 20 days to amend it. After that, no additional information may be added.

There is an enormous amount of information that we must submit to make sure that we have all of our arguments well-documented and give us the best chance of getting an injunction, followed by the Courts agreeing that CoYHO was

decided in an “arbitrary and capricious” manner and is therefore unlawful.

The Article 78 proceeding must be filed within 120 days of the approval by Mayor Adams, which would be April 17th, 2025. Our plan is to file in mid-March, significantly prior to the deadline.

To best represent your community, we still need your help:

- If you or your organization would like to be a plaintiff in this case, please get in touch with me. The main criteria are that you, your organization or your neighborhood will be adversely affected by CoYHO – and that’s pretty much

everyone who lives in New York City. We already have numerous individuals, organizations and elected officials who have agreed to be plaintiffs, but we can never have enough in this kind of situation.

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I will be giving another update within the month, prior to the lawsuit being filed. In the meantime, as I said before: never forget the elected officials that have supported us from the beginning and during this process – and those that shill for the real estate industry, donors and lobbyists who voted for this City of Mess, or who are now running for Mayor, Comptroller, Public Advocate, Borough President or City Council.

Thanks,  
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By Chris Wales

# The 17<sup>th</sup> Amendment and Inflation

I would like to point out today’s inflation can be linked to the 17th amendment being enacted.

Before the ratification of the 17th Amendment in 1913, Senators were not elected by the general public. Instead, they were **elected by state legislators**. The framers of the Constitution established this method to ensure that the Senate represented the interests of the states rather than direct democracy, which was thought to protect against the whims of public sentiment. It was one of the critical checks and balances mechanisms to rein in government spending because if the House of Representatives wanted money that it didn’t have, the State Senators would have to go back to their respective states to pass new tax laws to raise the money. It turns out the average citizen did NOT want to be taxed over and over again for things outside of the enumerated items that Congress can spend money on.

What you see now in current times is Senators touting how much money they brought back from Washington D.C. to their states as if that money was free for

the taking! All of that money was either printed with no backing or borrowed and added to the national debt, and continues to reduce the actual value of the US Dollar so we need to be protected from the whims of the politicians (PORK SPENDING).

Consider then that two other things happened simultaneously in 1913.

The most onerous assault on constitutionality and sound money was the 1913 Federal Reserve Act, signed into law by President Woodrow Wilson, **gave the Fed the ability to print money** and policy tools to ensure economic stability. The Federal Reserve System also created the dual mandate to maximize employment and keep prices stable. I would argue that The Federal Reserve entirely failed to achieve its own mandate. I urge you to read the book *The Creature from Jekyll Island* by Edward G Griffin to fully understand the real intent of a central bank.

Then unknown to most people Woodrow Wilson also worked to get the 5<sup>th</sup> plank of the Communist Manifesto (centralization of credit in the hands of the state) established in America.

The 16th Amendment, the **Revenue Act of 1913**, established a graduated income tax. It lowered average tariff rates, which was the main source of revenue up till then, from 40 percent

to 26 percent and also established a one percent tax on income above \$3,000 per year. Back then, the tax affected approximately three percent of the population. (A separate provision established a corporate tax of one percent, superseding a previous tax that had only applied to corporations with net incomes greater than \$5,000 per year)

Just as today, we could not rely on the Supreme Court to correct a bad law. The Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of the income tax in the cases of *Brushaber v. Union Pacific Railroad Co.* and *Stanton v. Baltic Mining Co.*

Then, because government always wants more, progressive Republicans and congressional Democrats won passage of the Revenue Act of 1916, which reinstated the federal estate tax, established a tax on the production of munitions, **raised the top income tax rate to fifteen percent, and raised the corporate income tax from one percent to two percent**. As you can see through the lens of history - income tax rates just kept on going higher.

It would need 38 states to ratify a repeal amendment for the 16 and 17 Amendment, which is the long term solution, however the Federal Reserve Act can be reversed directly by Congress by passing the **Federal Reserve Board**

### Abolition Act.

If enacted, H.R. 1846 and S. 869 would fully abolish the Federal Reserve, repealing the 1913 Federal Reserve Act and abolishing the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve and the Federal Reserve banks. The House bill H.R. 1846 is sponsored by Representative Thomas Massie (R-Ky), and currently has 10 other cosponsoring representatives. The Senate Bill is S. 869 is sponsored by Senator Mike Lee (R-Utah).

In conclusion it is up to us to demand our representatives’ return to sound monetary policy. It is necessary for a nation’s economy to be stable and enable prosperity. The Federal Reserve and the deep state have caused far too much damage through their inflation of the U.S. dollar and issuance of fiat currency that is affecting our standard of living and our daily lives. It is imperative that Congress follow the Constitution and put an end to this. Please take a few minutes to visit <https://jbs.org/alert/support-the-federal-reserve-board-abolition-act> to send letters to your legislators to grow support for these bills and join The John Birch Society to continue the fight to achieve less government, more responsibility, and – with God’s help – a better world.



# THE OppScore FROM GOUSA MOVES A MAJORITY OF VOTERS TO SUPPORT AMERICA-FIRST



By John Paul Moran  
GOUSA's Founder & CEO

While most in the media would have you believe that our country is evenly divided, the fact is that we're not – we're very united on the issues that matter most to the voters. In fact, 85% of us are aligned on the issues in support of common sense, America-First principles.

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GOUSA's Founder & CEO, John Paul Moran, is a published conservative author, 2020 GOP nominee for Congress (MA-06), former MIT optical space scientist, CMO and multiple-business entrepreneur. After running for Congress, John Paul saw the corruption in politics and knew he had to find a way to address the problem of people blindly voting along party lines while voting against themselves and their own self-interests. Meeting thousands of voters in his district in 2020, John Paul gained the support from over 80% of them on the issues in the deep blue state of Massachusetts - but the Democrat incumbent who failed these same voters still won.

John Paul, along with two other MIT guys and a dedicated team of volunteers, came up with the idea of creating the OppScore app and technology as a simple tool to inform voters about the candidates on the issues that matter to them the most, something like a "Yelp" or "Rotten Tomatoes" for politics. The OppScore is now evolving to become a tracking scorecard that monitors, exposes and rates our federal politicians on a constant basis using GO USA's rating team and AI

technologies, as well as a tool for voters during elections to pick the best candidates. John Paul had the chance to discuss the OppScore and how it helped Republicans win in 2024 with Host Ed Henry on NEWSMAX recently: <https://vimeo.com/1064373827>

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